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MEMORANDUM

1 March 20, 1968

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4 TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
5 FROM: STEPHEN JAFFE, Investigator
6 RE: INTERVIEW WITH LORAN HALL

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On March 12, 1968 at 7:30 PM I met LORAN EUGENE HALL at his motel. He was registered at the Hollywood Hills Motel 7140 Sunset Blvd., Room #7. We met there and subsequently went to Tana's restaurant where we discussed the following information and reviewed the FBI reports regarding himself, the SYLVIA ODIO incident, WILLIAM SEYMOUR, and LAWRENCE HOWARD.

HALL stated that the FBI report dated 9/23/64 was inaccurate in its mention of one KIKI FERROR as being the person "he got in touch with." He stated that he was in touch with a Cuban named HERRERA. HERRERA, according to HALL, had been in the Anti-Castro group designated "2506 BRIGADE" and that his father owned a sugar plantation near Mexicali, Mexico. HALL stated that it was HERRERA not FERROR who was employed by the TEXAS OPTICAL CO. in Dallas, Texas.

HALL stated that he knew he had never seen SYLVIA ODIO because he has seen a photograph of her with her four children, shown to him by JERRY COHEN (of the Los Angeles Times) and LAWRENCE SCHILLER (of either Life Magazine, the Los Angeles Times or who knows what). He stated that he could not recall if it was COHEN or SCHILLER because both men had visited him and shown him photographs.

HALL stated that during his interrogation by SA LEON F. BROWN he had been asked if he had met SYLVIA ODIO in Dallas. He said that it was "possible" he had but that he had no recollection of that. The agent then asked him if he could have been at a Magellen Circle, apartment A and HALL repeated

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1 that it was "possible" because he had visited people trying
2 to secure funds for his Anti-Castro activities. He made it
3 clear to me that he could not rule out the possibility and
4 for that reason he told the Agent (BROWN) that it was possible.
5 The report dated 9/23/64 is incorrect when it says "HALL stated
6 that this Cuban woman lived...." because at no time did he in-
7 dicate that as a fact.

8 The FBI report says "HALL said that a Dallas resident
9 had made available \$5,000 which HALL put up for bail, and that
10 they were released." HALL stated that he knew nothing of the
11 bail at the time of their release. He was under the assumption
12 that the charges had been dropped at the time of their release.
13 After their release, they were taken to a young attorneys office
14 in Dallas. HALL had never seen this man before and does not re-
15 member his name. The attorney said that they should go straight
16 to the YMCA where LESTER LOGUE had arranged a room for them.
17 (Consider this in the light of their having been signed in as
18 HALL and HOWARD)

19 HALL stated that he knows KIKI FERRER well, has had
20 dinner at his home twice in Miami, Florida, and that KIKI will
21 have no part in his brother, ROLANDO'S activities. KIKI is a
22 dentist, HALL says, and is not interested in participating in
23 the Anti-Castro activities although he is in sympathy with the
24 activities. KIKI helped indirectly but never was in direct contact
25 with the activities.

26 HALL stated that while the report indicates that he
27 mentioned the "Isle of Pines," neither he nor agent BROWN ever
28 mentioned the Isle of Pines during the entire interrogation.

29 HALL also told me that until our meeting he had never
30 seen these documents (CD 1553).

31 HALL stated that in the document which quotes him
32 as having recalled that "the three of them, HALL, HOWARD and

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1 SEYMOUR, had gone to the apartment of a Cuban woman....." is
2 totally inaccurate as the three of them were never in Dallas
3 together. HALL had been there with HOWARD and at a separate
4 time he was there with SEYMOUR but never with both at the
5 same time. (See Page three, 9/23/64, dictated 9/17/64). HALL
6 continued that where the report says that "they" had "been in
7 Dallas about three or four days when he and SEYMOUR were arrested
8 and held by the police," that is false. Not only were the three
9 of them not there at the same time but that the arrest of him-
10 self and SEYMOUR took place on the morning after the evening they
11 arrived. They had arrived at about 8 PM and were arrested at about
12 9 AM the next morning having talked to no one in the interim.

13 HALL stated in regard to his willingness to go to
14 New Orleans to talk to District Attorney, Jim Garrison, this was
15 now, perfectly agreeable to him. He would wait until he got some
16 of his strength back (He was discharged around the end of FEBRUARY
17 1968 from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles
18 on Sawtelle Ave.) and until he had a Doctor's clearance. He
19 further stated that he trusted me and would agree to any arrangement
20 we would make for his trip. He said that he wanted to testify,
21 under oath, and that he would cooperate in any way possible. When
22 I asked why this had seemed to be contrary to his attitude before
23 he said for two reasons he had fought his extradition as a mater-
24 ial witness. First, he was visited, the night before his California
25 hearing, by LAWRENCE SCHILLER, JERRY COHEN, and one other man
26 and they said to him that he would be charged for contempt of
27 court or perjury and thrown in jail for five years if he went
28 to New Orleans. They told him that "Garrison is some kind of a
29 nut" and urged that he not go to New Orleans under any circum-
30 stances. Secondly, since his hearing he had had to pay \$1500.00
31 in attorney's fees and had been suddenly stricken with a serious
32 ailment. This, he feared, might have been caused by one of Garrison

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1 men or by someone who did not want him to testify in New Orleans.

2 I asked HALL why his wife had had such a puzzlingly
3 negative reaction to the letter sent to him by Jim Garrison. This
4 was the letter hand carried to his home (and to his wife) by
5 JACK HOUSTON. He told me that he had nothing but contempt for
6 "CORKY" because he was told by his wife that "CORKY" had scared
7 her with the letter. HOUSTON had apparently presented it to her
8 as if he was a GARRISON staff member. When she questioned this
9 HOUSTON phoned the office in NEW ORLEANS and spoke to ASST. D.A.
10 JAMES ALCOCK which MRS. HALL took to be an affirmation of HOUSTON'S
11 word of being a staff member. This frightened her further because
12 she felt that HOUSTON had been spying on them all along and was
13 trying to get HALL in trouble. HALL confirmed that at the time
14 of the letter's transport he was in the hospital but that now he
15 had read it and its contents supported the truth that GARRISON
16 was willing to cooperate with him. He felt that now, having read
17 the letter, having talked with HAROLD WEISBERG, BILL TURNER, AL
18 SCHWARTZ (Citizens Committee of Inquiry) and myself that he had
19 nothing to fear in traveling to New Orleans. He not only looks
20 forward to doing that but he said that since reading the TURNER
21 article in RAMPARTS he can fill in some important information and
22 identities of subjects GARRISON is interested in.

23 I showed HALL a photo of the second man in the "walking
24 men" Photograph. He could not identify this man. Later, I asked him
25 if he had ever heard the name, CLINTON HAMPTON. HALL said, "yes"
26 immediately and gave me the following information.

27 Description: 40 years old (in 1963)
28 5'5 or 5'6" tall
Dark complexion

29 Association: HALL had met him in Miami. He said HAMPTON
30 was an "INSTRUCTOR" and was possibly CIA. HALL had met
31 HAMPTON two times after having been referred by two
32 Cuban women (lesbians, according to HALL) in a well
known bar which he frequented. (Gave no name of the bar)

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1 HAMPTON told HALL at the time of their meeting that he
2 might get him in on a "GREEN LIGHT RAID" running boats for the
3 CIA."

4 I asked HALL whether or not he was working for EDGAR
5 EUGENE BRADLEY, soliciting funds from WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT cam-
6 paign centers. I told him that the office had had an anonymous
7 call to this effect and that it had seemed impossible at the time
8 but that we wanted to have his reaction. He said he would be the
9 last one in the world to do a thing like that at this point be-
10 cause he wants to be as far away from BRADLEY as he possibly can.
11 He wants no part of BRADLEY and states that he believes it's
12 very possible that BRADLEY might be involved in some way in the
13 Assassination. This is purely speculation on his part other than
14 his knowledge of BRADLEY'S acquaintances during the early part
15 of 1963. HALL stated that he was definitely present at a meeting
16 at CLINT WHEAT'S Los Angeles apartment on Lafayette Pl. in 1963
17 where others present were EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, ED COLLINS, COL.
18 GAIL (GAYLE?), AND DR. STANLEY DRENNAN. He said that he would
19 definitely state this under oath.

20 I asked HALL if he had reason to believe that there was
21 anyone who might want to get him in trouble. He said there could
22 be many possibilities for that. At a point later in our conversa-
23 tion, I asked HALL how he got along with GERRY PATRICK (HEMMING).
24 He said that for the most part he had always gotten along well
25 with PATRICK. He considered him a "helluva nice guy" and thought
26 that PATRICK was his friend. When I asked if he thought PATRICK
27 might be the one who gave the tip about him being a solicitor for
28 the BRADLEY DEFENSE FUND, HALL said that only one thing would make
29 him believe that to be a possibility. An incident occurred in 1963
30 which involved himself and PATRICK.

31 PATRICK had sold, or rather "hooked" a rifle with
32 DICK HATHCOCK, an ABC-TV reporter in Los Angeles. HATHCOCK has

1 recently done television interviews with ROGER CRAIG, and, I
2 believe with D.A. JIM GARRISON. The rifle remained in HATHCOCK'S
3 possession until a conversation between HALL and HATHCOCK brought
4 out that HATHCOCK was going to sell the rifle to anyone he could.
5 HALL told him that he would like to buy it from him if he didn't
6 have to keep it for PATRICK. Soon after, HALL purchased the rifle
7 from HATHCOCK for the sum of \$50.00 . Thereafter, when HALL was
8 in Florida, PATRICK phoned him and threatened him if he did not
9 hand over the rifle. HALL rejected the threat.

10 A few days later when HALL went to a specific local on
11 the beach to acquire a boat for a forthcoming raid he was accomp-
12 anied by a Cuban friend of his. While they were attaching the boat
13 to the trailer, the Cuban said, "Look up in that house, it's PAT-
14 RICK. HALL looked but didn't see anyone. That evening HALL and
15 his friend were arrested by U. S. Customs Officials. At that time
16 the customs officials told HALL that they had known about his
17 activities from the time he picked up the boat. Someone, they
18 boasted, had called them at 2:30 PM (HALL said this was just
19 about the time they got the boat.

20 At the conclusion of our meeting HALL told me that we
21 would be in touch upon his next trip to Los Angeles and that he
22 would help in any way he could if there was anything he could do.
23 I told him I would arrange his trip whenever he was ready.